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Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith
For: **System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Responding to
Natural Language Queries**

Inventors: Galitsky *et al.*
Our Ref: 1964.0010001

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3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Responding to Natural
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and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 29 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 6 pages of claims (28 claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - iv. Microfiche Appendix containing computer program listing;
 - b. 16 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 8, 9A, 9B, 9C, 10A, 10B, and 10C); and
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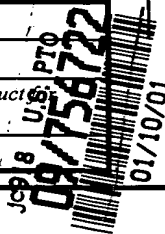
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Title System, Method, and Computer Program Product
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 36]

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 15]

5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☒ Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

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